



- If the problem mentions work, force, and/or displacement, we are most likely going to use work-energy theorem.
- If there is mention of work or forces, use conservation of energy.

Work and Energy Notes and Problem 4.19.12 Honors Physics

A pitcher throws a 0.14 kg baseball, and it approaches the bat at a speed of 45 m/s. The bat does 70 J of non-conservative work on the ball as they are in contact. Ignoring air resistance, determine the velocity of the ball after the ball leaves the bat and is 25 m above the point of impact.

$V_i = 45 \text{ m/s}$

$h_f = 25 \text{ m}$ $V_f = ?$

$h_i = 0 \text{ m}$

$$m = 0.14 \text{ kg} \quad W = 70 \text{ J}$$

$$W = \Delta E$$

$$= (K_f - K_i) + (U_{gf} - U_{gi})$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2}mv_f^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 + mgh_f$$

$$V_f = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \left(W + \frac{1}{2}mv_i^2 - mgh_f \right)}$$

$$= 50.3 \text{ m/s}$$

Efficiency:

$$E_{ff} = \left(\frac{E_f}{E_i} \right) 100\%$$

$$= \left(\frac{U_{gf(\text{big})} + U_{gf(\text{tennis})}}{U_{gi(\text{big})} + U_{gi(\text{tennis})}} \right) 100\%$$